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In re Application

Inventor: Shek Fai Lau et al.  
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Air Transporter-Conditioner Devices

PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Thao T. Tran  
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Dear Sir:

It is requested that the information identified in this statement be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-identified application. This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56. If this is a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application, it is understood that the Examiner will consider all information which was considered by the Office in a parent application. MPEP §609. Such information therefore is not listed herein unless it is desired that the information be printed on a patent issuing from the subject application.

*Enclosed with this statement are the following:*

- ☒ Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the form and return it to the undersigned in accordance with MPEP §609.
- ☐ The present application is being/was filed after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the pre-Official Gazette waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) posted at [pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/idswouscopies.htm](http://pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/idswouscopies.htm), copies of cited U.S. patents and publications are not enclosed. Copies of cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2), as still required.
- ☒ The present application was filed prior to June 30, 2003. A copy of each cited document as required by 37 CFR §1.98 is enclosed.

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-- OR --
- (2) It is being filed within 3 months of entry of a national stage;  
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X This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed on the same date as two electronic Information Disclosure Statements. However, no fee is due for any of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 20, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATUS INQUIRY LETTER UNDER MPEP §203.08

Dear Sir:

Please inform the undersigned attorney of record of the status of the above-identified patent application. An RCE was filed on December 23, 2003 because a Notice of Allowance had issued before Applicants had received an initialed 1449 for an IDS that had been submitted on October 8, 2002 and then resubmitted on October 10, 2003. The undersigned contacted the Examiner by telephone on February 11, 2004 to inquire as to the status of the application. At that time, the Examiner stated that the RCE was not in file and requested that a copy of the RCE be faxed to her. Applicants complied with the Examiner's request on February 11, 2004, but have heard nothing from the Patent Office since that time. Applicants are filing a Fifth IDS together with this Status Inquiry Letter, and respectfully request that the references listed therein be considered by the Examiner.

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**PENDING U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS**

Examiner Initial		Application Number	Filing Date	Inventor	Petition to Expunge	
					Yes	No
	1.	60/104,573	10/16/1998	Krichtafovitch		X
	2.	10/405,193	4/1/2003	Lee et al.		X

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Translation	
					Yes	No
	3.	WO92/05875 A1	4/16/1992	International	✓	
	4.	WO96/04703 A1	2/15/1996	International	✓	
	5.	WO99/07474 A1	2/18/1999	International	✓	
	6.	WO03/009944 A1	2/6/2003	International	✓	
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	8.	WO03/013734 A1	2/20/2003	International	✓	
	9.	EP 0332624 B1	1/2/1992	Europe	✓	
	10.	EP 0433152 A1	12/10/1990	Europe	✓	
	11.	CN 2111112 U	7/29/1972	China	✓	
	12.	CN 2138764 Y	6/27/1993	China	✓	
	13.	CN 2153231 Y	12/18/1993	China	✓	
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	15.	DE 2206057	8/16/1973	Germany	✓	
	16.	GB 643,363	9/20/1950	Great Britain	✓	
	17.	JP S51-90077	8/6/1976	Japan	✓	
	18.	JP S62-20653	2/7/1987	Japan	✓	

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	19.	Trion Console 250 Electronic Air Cleaner, Model Series 442857 and 445600, Manual for Installation-Operation-Maintenance, Trion Inc., 7 pp., believed to be at least one year prior to Nov. 5, 1998
	20.	Trion 350 Air Purifier, Model 450111-010, <a href="http://www.feddersoutlet.com/trion350.html">http://www.feddersoutlet.com/trion350.html</a> , 12 pp., believed to be at least one year prior to Nov. 5, 1998
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25. Blueair AV 402 Air Purifier, [http://www.air-purifiers-usa.biz/Blueair\\_AV402.htm](http://www.air-purifiers-usa.biz/Blueair_AV402.htm), 4 pp., 199626. Blueair AV 501 Air Purifier, [http://www.air-purifiers-usa.biz/Blueair\\_AV501.htm](http://www.air-purifiers-usa.biz/Blueair_AV501.htm), 15 pp., 1997

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if references considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

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